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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 17, 2003, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-10 and 12-13, for examination at this time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.